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REMARKS

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The 102(a) date of Yagi (July 24, 2003) is overcome by the Certified English Translation of the Japanese priority document JP 2002-365782, filed July 9, 2007. The claims have now been amended to be consistent with the priority document. Applicants have thus perfected their claim to priority.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 1, 3, 8-12 and 15-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Yagi et al, and the rejection of Claim 28 over Yagi et al should be withdrawn.

Regarding the **provisional** double patenting rejection, the MPEP instructs the Examiner to withdraw the provisional rejection if it is the only issue remaining in one case and convert the provisional rejection in the other application to a double patenting rejection. MPEP 822.01.

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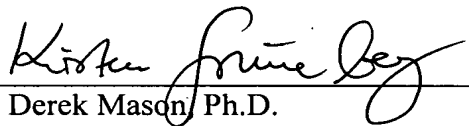
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This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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